

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

Chang et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/724,897      **Group Art Unit:** 2168

**Filed:** December 2, 2003      **Examiner:** Pham, Hung Q.

**For:** SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INDEXING, SEARCHING, AND RETRIEVING SEMANTIC OBJECTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 – 1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2007, and further to the Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR §1.116 filed on July 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-6, 8-19, 21-31, and 33-38 are all the claims presently pending in the application. New claim 38 has been added to ensure that a new issue is present in the evaluation under the concurrently-filed RCE. The basis for this new claim is found at lines 17-20 of page 10 of the specification. Claims 1, 14, and 26 are independent.